

PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 26, 2012

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 4:30 p.m. as was duly advertised. County Council members in attendance were Alan Cassidy, Stan Goffinet, Merle Doogs, Jim Adams, Chet Mathena and Ron Crawford Sr. Steve Goodson was unable to attend the meeting. A media representative from the *Perry County News* was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of December 15, 2011 had been mailed to council members for their review. Jim made the motion to approve minutes, and Merle seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFERS

Park & Recreation Director, Adam Temple, requested a transfer within the Park & Recreation budget in the amount of \$250 from Part Time Assistant to Social Security.

Prosecutor S. Rod Acchiardo requested a transfer in the amount of \$9,859.50 from the County User Feed fund to the Pretrial Diversion fund.

Judge Lucy Goffinet requested a transfer from the County User Fee fund to the Jury Fee fund in the amount of \$596.00

Perry County Commissioners requested a transfer within the Cumulative Capital Development Fund from the Weather Emergency fund to the Rescue Service Body - EMA fund in the amount of \$15,000.00

Jim made the motion to approve the transfers as requested, and Stan seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CC-12-01

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM ONE MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION TO ANOTHER MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION IN THE FOLLOWING NAMED BUDGET; NOW THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE IN THE FOLLOWING MADE BUDGET:

COUNTY GENERAL FUND

TRANSFER \$ 250.00

FROM:	ACCOUNT #0101-803-1000.16	
	PART – TIME ASSISTANT	\$ 250.00
TO:	ACCOUNT #0101-003-4000.44	
	SOCIAL SECURITY	

WITHIN: PARKS & RECREATION BUDGET

COUNTY USER FEE FUND

TRANSFER \$ 9,859.50

**FROM: ACCOUNT #1152
COUNTY USER FEE FUND \$ 9,859.50**
**TO: ACCOUNT #0511
PRETRIAL DIVERSION BUDGET**
WITHIN: PROSECUTING ATTORNEY BUDGET

TRANSFER \$ 596.00

**FROM: ACCOUNT #1152
COUNTY USER FEE FUND \$ 596.00**
**TO: ACCOUNT #0501
JURY FEE FUND**
WITHIN: CIRCUIT COURT BUDGET

CUMCULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

TRANSFER \$ 15,000.00

**FROM: ACCOUNT # 2391-161-3000.91
WEATHER EMERGENCY FUND**
**TO: ACCOUNT # 2391-161-4000.57
RESCUE SERVICE BODY – EMA**
WITHIN: COMMISSIONERS BUDGET

ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2012

NAY

AYE
ALAN CASSIDY /S/
STAN GOFFINET /S/
MERLE DOOGS /S/
JAMES ADAMS /S/
CHESTER MATHENA /S/
RON CRAWFORD SR. /S/

ATTEST:
CONNIE A BERGER /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

The Perry County Highway Department requested an additional appropriation for County Road Improvements in the amount of \$579,707.00 within the Perry County EDIT Fund. Ron made a motion to approve the request and Chet seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 12-CC-02

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO APPROPRIATE MORE MONEY THAN WAS APPROPRIATED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET; NOW, THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE TAXING UNIT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY ARE

HEREBY APPROPRIATED OUT OF THE FUNDS NAMED AND FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED, SUBJECT TO LAWS GOVERNING THE SAME:

PERRY COUNT EDIT FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	AYE	NAY
<u>PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT.</u>				
#2413-534-4000.45	\$ 579,707.00	\$ 579,707.00	6	0
COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS				
COUNTY GENERAL				
FUND TOTAL:	\$579,707.00	\$ 579,707.00		

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APPOINTMENTS

Perry County Development Corporation: The council had before them a letter from Perry County Development Corporation asking for the county council delegate to the PCDC annual meeting to be held in February. It was mentioned that Alan has been the council delegate for the past several years, and Merle made a motion to again designate Alan as the delegate at the annual PCDC meeting. Stan seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0.

TELL CITY-PERRY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTIVITY REPORT

Alan made the Tell City-Perry County Public Library December 2011 report available for anyone wishing to review it, and each council member had a copy before them.

ANIMAL WELFARE CONTROL AND EDUCATION ORDINANCE

Jim Carter President of the Humane Society of Perry County explained that he was attending the meeting to discuss several items with the council members. He stated that it was not an easy task to develop the new ordinance and a lot of work by many people went into this ordinance. He asked the county council to not make a hasty decision about passing or not passing a dog tax and licensing fees. He explained that if a person is found in violation of the new ordinance it gives the local police the option of writing a ticket, which will provide funding for the program. He asked council members if any of the knew the answer to the following questions: How many dispatch calls in 2011 for animals; how many animal bites were reported to the health department in 2011; percentage of days the animal shelter was full; have any council members visited the animal shelter; and the number of dogs and cats in Perry County.

Kathy Kleeman attended the meeting to discuss the stray cat problem that Perry County has. She explained that you will not see these cats during the day, but if you are in the evenings you will see these stray cats. She stated that since the county now has an animal control officer with the sheriff’s department she hopes they will help with the stray cat problem. She spoke in favor of the County Council adopting the dog tax to help with the animal problems in Perry County.

James Mullins of Cannelton spoke about all the stray cats in the City of Cannelton. He feels that it is a health problem and something should be done with all the stray cats.

Jim Carter agreed with James Mullins about all the stray cats in Cannelton. He stated that when people call the shelter they are always full. He feels that something needs to be done about all the cats in Cannelton. Jim stated that most citizens did not have a problem with the 2005 Ordinance except that it was not enforced and should have been.

Council member Jim Adams stated that the 2005 Ordinance did not address things that have happened in the county over the past years, and was not enforced, but since the sheriff department has taken over animal control he feels this will help solve some of the problems.

Council member Stan Goffinet asked what will happen if the next sheriff decides he doesn't want to do the job of animal control. Jim Adams explained that if that happens then at that time the county council would have to find funding to hire an animal control officer.

Council member Ron Crawford stated that felt the 2005 Ordinance was a good ordinance and the county should have stayed with that ordinance.

Council member Chet Mathena stated that he has listened to what people have said, and feels we don't need this ordinance. He stated this is creating another board on animals and we don't need this board. Honest people are taking care of their animals and shouldn't have to pay a dog tax.

After a lengthy discussion between council members and the public that attended the meeting Jim Adams thanked them for attending the meeting because they are concerned about the problems, and that is why this ordinance has been worked on for sometime before being passed by the county commissioners.

Jim Adams made the following motion: That the County Council take no action at this time and take the dog tax and fees under advisement until the Council has time to look at the issue before making any decisions. Merle seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

PERRY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Pete Franzman the County Council appointment to the PCDC Board of Directors along with Chris Kinnett the Executive Director of the PCDC attended the meeting to give an update on the 2011 activities of the PCDC. Chris stated that ThyssenKrupp Waupaca is still the largest employer in Perry County, and they continue to work with them along with the management company in Wisconsin. PCDC did take a look at one of the major problems for Waupaca and that was warehousing. They were using warehouse space in Rockport, but it was very costly for them to transport the material to Rockport. PCDC was able to purchase the old Tell City Chair building and remodel the building for Waupaca's use. PCDC is leasing about 50,000 square feet to Waupaca and if at anytime they would not have use for the building it would be available to any other company that would lease the building for storage.

PCDC also has looked at the Industry Park South by ATTC and developed a 50,000 square feet spec building that could be built behind ATTC.

They have also taken trips to Chicago and Japan to build relationships with site selectors and consultations to discuss what this area has to offer, and see what industries are looking for. Chris stated that the County Commissioners had appointed him to the Workforce Investment Board this board meets quarterly to discuss the funding for work force development in the area.

Chris explained that from June of 2010 to June of 2011 Perry County has gained 442 new jobs per the U.S. Labor Bureau. PCDC works to help the large and small employers of Perry County. They are also working with the U.S. Forest Service to promote tourism in Perry County.

Chris stated that best way Perry County can be promoted is to speak with one voice. That would include the County Council, Board of Commissioners, School Corporations all working together and speak as one voice.

For 2012 they will be concentrating on the following areas: Provide development; regionalization; work force; entrepreneurship; community development; funding and government. Chris encouraged all council members to attend the PCDC annual meeting on February 16th to hear more about what PCDC is doing for the area.

With no other business before the council, Merle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Stan seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0.

Minutes approved this 23rd day of February, 2012.

President, Perry County Council

Minutes prepared by:
Connie A. Berger, Perry County Auditor